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TARGET AREA OF PALM OIL
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made a heavy cut in the target area of palm oil for the Tenth Five Year Plan Period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there has been an increase in the import of edible oil owing to this cut; and

(d) if so, the details of this increase

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. In light of the experience gained in the implementation of Oil Palm Development Programme (OPDP) during 8th and 9th Plan, the target for area coverage under oil palm has been reduced from 80,000 hectares during 9th Plan to 50,000 hectares for 10th Five Year Plan.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Question does not arise.